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## 2019 DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCE TRAINING

~Additional Dates Announced~

**RICHMOND, VA** – In preparation for the 2019 General Election campaign, the Department of Elections (ELECT) is pleased to announce additional dates for Campaign Finance Training in March 2019. ELECT will be offering a seminar for candidates and treasurers on the laws and policies governing campaign finance reporting and compliance. This training is geared toward candidates, their staff and treasurers as well as treasurers for **ALL types of political committees** (e.g. PACs. Parties. Referendum).

"This is the first time in several years that ELECT is offering this type of regional campaign finance training," Christopher E. "Chris" Piper, Commissioner of the Department of Elections, said, "Campaign finance laws have grown more and more complex. More candidates and committees are using ELECT's online reporting tool, COMET, than ever before. We felt it was time to provide training for candidates that will walk them through what to do once they have decided to run for office to when they decide to close their campaign. It is an added bonus that we are able to train officers of other types of committees as well. I encourage all potential candidates, staff, and treasurers to participate in this important training."

## The training dates and locations are as follows (**new dates denoted in \*\*bold**):

- · Christiansburg (New River Community College) March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm
- \*\*Harrisonburg (East Gav Street) March 18, 2:00 pm
- \*\*Manassas (Old Manassas Courthouse) March 19, 7:00 pm
- · Richmond City (James Center) March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm
- \*\*Williamsburg (Stryker Center) March 21, 7:00 pm
- · Virginia Beach (Voter Registration Office) March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am
- \*\*Virginia Beach (Voter Registration Office) March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:45 pm
- \*\* Abingdon (Washington County Government Center) March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:15 pm
- · Charlottesville (Downtown Mall) March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:45 pm
- \*\*Leesburg (Miller Drive) March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:15 pm

Reservations will be accepted for each location on a first come, first served basis. Classes last approximately two hours. To register: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/o/virginia-department-of-elections-10622250884">https://www.eventbrite.com/o/virginia-department-of-elections-10622250884</a>